SUBJECT No. 203.

Free grant of bamboos.

(1) Mr. Vittalmurtiachar, and (2) Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The Government Order sanctioning the free grant of large bamboos to raiyats in the malnad and semi-malnad taluks of the Shimoga district up to the end of June 1912 was communicated rather late, and the concession could not be fully availed of. The concession may, therefore, be kindly extended for some time longer.

(2) The permission granted tentatively to the raiyats from year to year for the free removal of large bamboos in district forests of the malnad and semi-malnad taluks of the Shimoga district may be granted permanently.

To remove reed bamboos from district forests, the Forest Department demands payment of seigniorage. But since bamboos have died on account of sporadic seeding and may take about 10 or 15 years to grow up again, it is prayed that, till then, reed bamboos may be authorised to be removed free of seigniorage.

Formerly, large bamboos were granted without seigniorage to agriculturists for building cattle sheds, fences, etc. Now, a seigniorage is levied. The old practice may be continued for three years.

Reply of Government.—Will be allowed to be taken free by agriculturists for three years.

SUBJECT No. 204.

Seigniorage on sawn timber.

Messrs. B. Venkata Subbannachar, Agumbe Rama Rao, Thammaiya Bhatta and Ramannagowda, Tirthahalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present rates of seigniorage prescribed for the grant of timber under the malnad Raiyats' Privileges Rules are rather high. The additional seigniorage required to be paid on sawn timber removed from district forests under the above rules may therefore be abolished.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 205.

Free licenses for wood for agricultural implements.

Mr. N. D. Naranappa, Hassan Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In the maidan taluks, the raiyats are put to inconvenience for want of wood for agricultural purposes. They have to go to malnad villages to procure the necessary wood. With a view to remove the inconvenience, it is prayed that the Amildars be empowered to grant free licenses to the agriculturists to cut and remove wood from the District or State Forests for *bona fide* agricultural purposes.

Reply of Government.—No general orders can be issued but in cases in which the wood cannot be found in district forests, the Deputy Commissioner may obtain the special sanction of Government to allow it to be taken from State Forests.